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Notice of Public Hearing **Basin Plan Amendment to Incorporate** **Organochlorine Compounds Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)** **for San Diego Creek, Upper and Lower Newport Bay** **into the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will convene a public hearing to consider adoption of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) to incorporate TMDLs for organochlorine compounds for San Diego Creek and Upper and Lower Newport Bay. Changes to the proposed amendment consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment may be considered by the Board. The public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on March 2, 2007, at the following time and location:

DATE: March 2, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Orange County Sanitation District
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Note: The meeting location is subject to change. Please check the Regional Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/html/board_meeting_schedule.html, or call (951) 782-4130 for the most current meeting information.

Discussion

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d), the Regional Board has identified San Diego Creek, Upper and Lower Newport Bay, as being water quality limited, that is, applicable water quality standards (beneficial uses and water quality objectives) are not being attained or are not expected to be attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. Impairment of Upper and Lower Newport Bay is due to elevated levels of total DDT, total PCBs, and chlordane. Impairment of San Diego Creek is due to elevated total DDT and toxaphene. To address the impairment, Regional Board staff has developed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the organochlorine compounds that will ensure attainment of water quality standards. The draft San Diego Creek/Upper and Lower Newport Bay TMDLs were presented and discussed at a Regional Board workshop on December 1, 2006.

The proposed Basin Plan amendment, staff report with responses to comments received, and Environmental Checklist that evaluates the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of the amendment, will be available no later

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than January 17, 2007. A copy of the staff report may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (951) 782-4130, or from the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana>. The staff report and related documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after January 17, 2007. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the hearing. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments presented at the hearing to the Board's Executive Assistant. Note that all exhibits, including charts, graphs, and other testimony presented as evidence must be left with the Regional Board and will become part of the administrative record. Comments should be submitted to Wanda Cross at the address listed above or by email at wcross@waterboards.ca.gov. Written responses to comments received by February 16, 2007, will be prepared.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Wanda Cross at (951) 782-4468, or Terri Reeder at (951) 782-4995. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board hearing should contact Felipa Carrillo at (951) 782-3285 no later than February 20, 2007.



Gerard J. Thibeault,
Executive Officer

January 17, 2007
Date

